

<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/926,168	<b>Applicant(s)</b> MAAS ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Elvis O. Price	<b>Art Unit</b> 1621	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Elvis O. Price. (3) \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) Stefan U. Koschmieder. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 18 May 2004.

Type: a)  Telephonic b)  Video Conference  
c)  Personal [copy given to: 1)  applicant 2)  applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d)  Yes e)  No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,2,4-13 and 19-31.

Identification of prior art discussed: US Pats. 5780694/4959491/3315009.

Agreement with respect to the claims f)  was reached. g)  was not reached. h)  N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative intends to present arguments that the products of the prior art references do not have a degree of branching of between 2.0 and 3.0.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.



Examiner's signature, if required